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O R 281430Z AUG 73
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4782
INFO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

S E C R E T JIDDA 3709

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DEPT PASS SECDEF FOR ISA AND DSAA; DA AND USCINCEUR

DHAHRAN PASS USMTM FOR GENERAL SMITH

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: MASS, YE, SA
SUBJ: EMERGENCY ARMS FOR YAR

REF: (A) JIDDA 3361; (B) STATE 169859; (C) SANAA 1669;
(D) USMTM 280?05Z AUG 73 (AS RECD)

1. CHIEF USMTM FORESEES NO DIFFICULTY IN SUGGESTING TO
SAG THAT MORTARS UNDER PARA 5 REF (B) BE DIVERTED TO
YAR FROM CURRENT PROJECTED DELIVERIES. IT APPEARS TO
BOTH EMBASSY AND USMTM THAT 19-MONTH LEAD TIME FOR
REPLACEMENT MIGHT APPEAR TO SAUDIS UNREASONABLY LONG.
IF SAG CONSENTS TO SUCH DIVERSION, WOULD URGE ATTEMPT
BE MADE TO CUT LEAD TIME ANTICIPATED FOR REPLACEMENTS.

2. USDAO WHO HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TOUR OF YARG
DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE NEED FOR
TRIPODS FOR MG CAL 30M2; HE SUGGESTS BIPODS COULD BE
SENT AIR LIFT WITH TRIPODS TO FOLLOW BY SEA WHEN READY.

3. DURING AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH PRINCE SULTAN
AUGUST 26 PRINCE AGAIN ASKED WHAT HE SHOULD TELL YEMENIS
WITH REGARD LONG RANGE ARMS PLAN FOR YAR.

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